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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on February 7, 2008 and April 16, 2008 have been considered by the examiner.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on February 7, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In response to the Ex Parte Quayle mailed January 17, 2008, the applicant has amended the application by the addition of an independent claim requiring an additional search. The amendment filed February 7, 2007 has also introduced a lack of antecedent basis issue. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARRYL J. COLLINS whose telephone number is (571)272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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